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THE HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY

Margaret M. Caspery Clinic

OPERATION RECORD

NAME: H.S.S.

WARD: The Essex House

ROOM: The Colonnades

OPERATOR: Tom Chargaff
Admitting Office

1ST ASSISTANT: Lynn Magid
Cerebral Palsy Clinic

PRELIMINARY DIAGNOSIS: Boredom, apathy, drudgery

NAME OF OPERATION: H.S.S. Annual Dance

POST-OPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS: Trick knees, whiplash injury to neck, low back derangement

ANESTHETIST: Geno and Jerry Bartal Orchestra

PROCEDURE:

Seven months prior to initial operation, Dr. Chargaff was notified of a change of plans for the dance, in that this year he would be chairman. Summarily, Dr. Magid was forthwith notified of her election to the post of co-chairman. The pre-operative work-up was to last seven months, the procedure itself to last approximately five hours.

Mr. Young and Mr. Baer, although not present during the entire work-up, assisted in the signing of the anesthetist, the Geno and Jerry Bartal Orchestra, for the dance.

Following this, the hospital staff and personnel underwent a general perusal of their respective talents; the most promising artists and writers were excised from the mass and put to work. During the fifth and sixth months, the rapid pace with which this procedure had been conducted was reduced to a crawl as most of the committee members departed for their vacations. Upon returning, improvement was slow but steady. The Prize Committee has been able to arrange for week-ends at various hotels, dinners for two at the finer restaurants in New York City, as well as many other unusual prizes.

During the course of the seven-months procedure and work-up, Dr. Chargaff suffered a minor case of jitters, while the First Assistant, Miss Magid, underwent emergency treatment for shock. Fortunately, the patient tolerated the procedure well and was sent back to work on Monday.

A NEW ERA
IN MEDICINE

July 1st, 1966 dawned hot and humid and at the Hospital for Special Surgery twenty-one inpatients, age 65 and older, awoke to begin by governmental proclamation a new "spell of illness."

Later in the day the privacy of each would be assaulted by hospital personnel asking each of them for a signature on a variety of six-part carbonized forms; one representing an assignment of hospital benefits, another an assignment of medical benefits: Each would find that suddenly he was responsible for a $40.00 deductible, relating to his "spell of illness" and for three pints of blood.

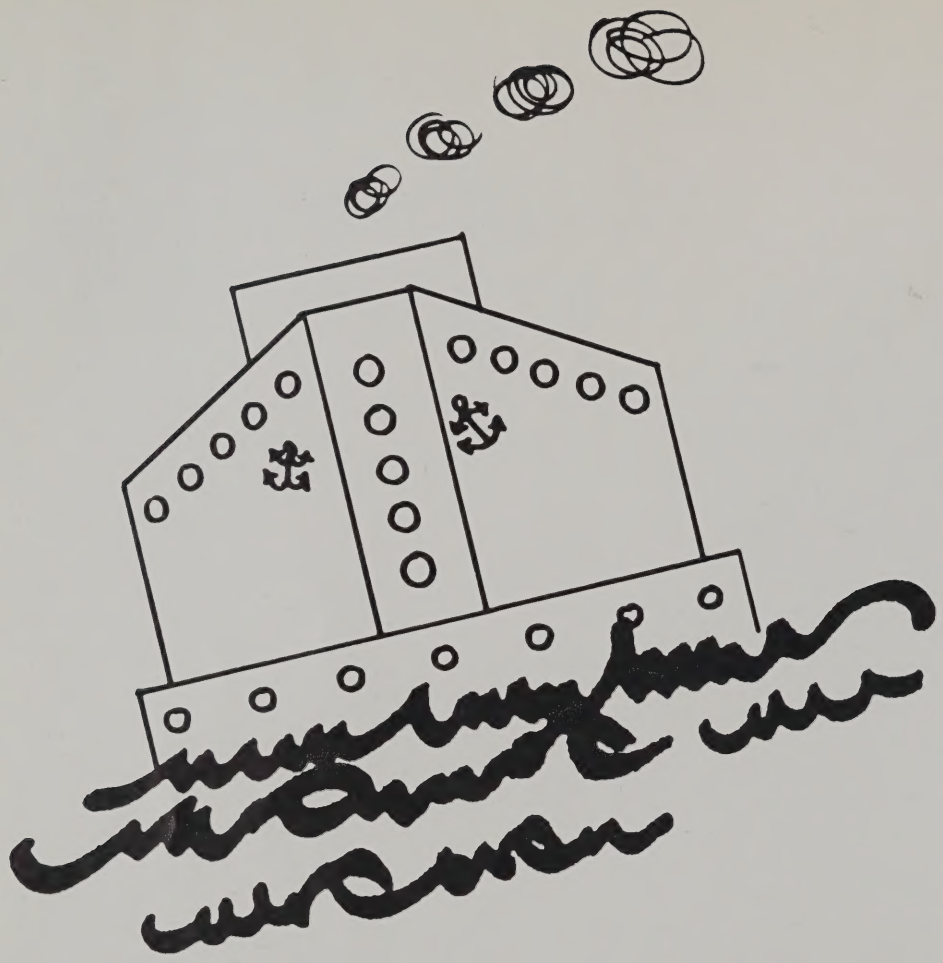
That night, if by chance the patient turned introspective, she could have concluded quite correctly that there had been an Alice-in-Wonderland quality about her day.

That same first day in the Out-Patient Department, 27 oldsters went through a special admission procedure, hastily devised to obtain the necessary identifying data and the necessary signatures on a multiplicity of forms. Unknown to the oldster waiting on a bench, a covey of clinic employees overseen by hospital officers were scurrying around obtaining assignments from doctors who attended in clinic that morning and who heretofore had donated their services. They too, like the oldsters, had rights that were not there the day before. Whether the patient realized it or not, he now had purchasing power and he also had *free choice of physician.*

During the first month of operation, July, we had 495 Medicare out-patient visits and 36 in-patients. In August we had 592 out-patients and 45 in-patients.

Mrs. Freida Oelbaum—First Medicare In-patient.

Mrs. Frances Schiffer—First Medicare Out-patient.



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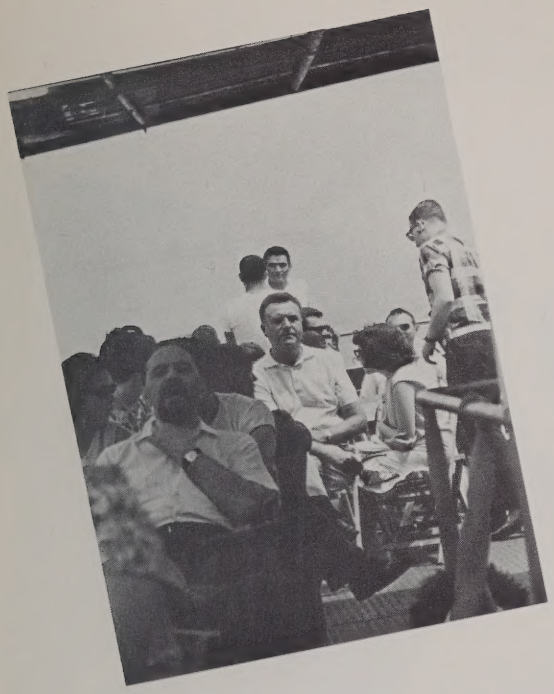

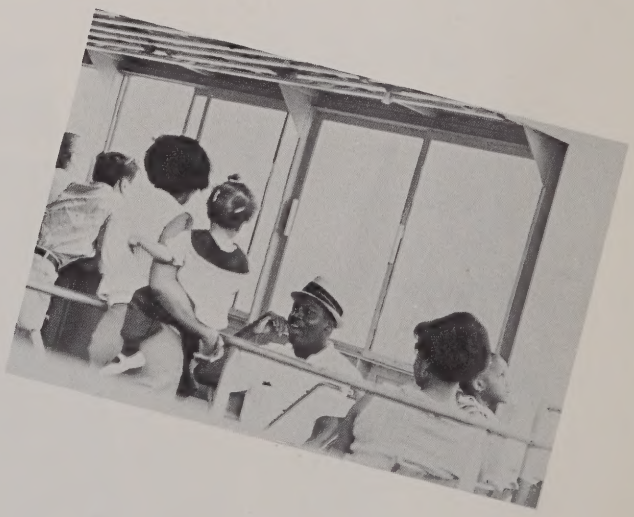

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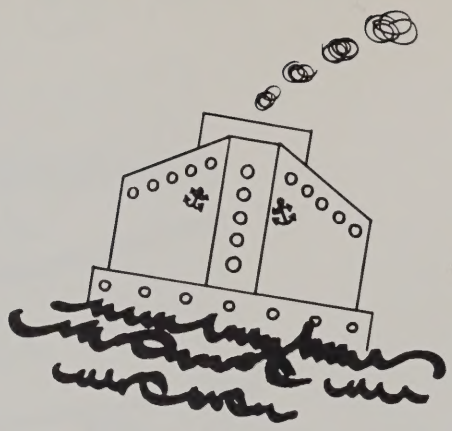

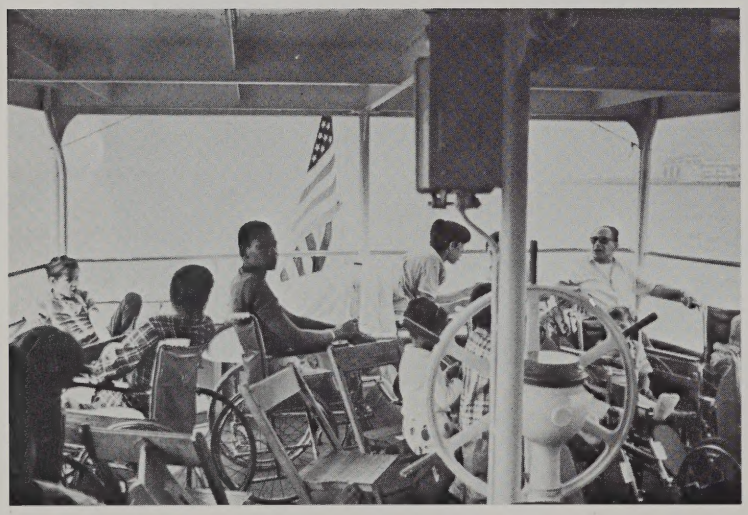

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LOSES FAITHFUL SHIPMATES TO SNUG HARBOR OF RETIREMENT

*Agnes Gordon's picture missing.

Embryo scientists supported by the National Science Foundation attends seminar in Research Building.

TUITION REFUND PLAN

Our Tuition Refund Plan has gotten off to a good start. Beginning with the spring semester, thirteen regular employees have participated in the program. Special Surgery has refunded $2,033.75 to these people; or an average of $156.44 per employee.

If you are interested in enrolling in the program, you are urged to inquire of your Department Head or Supervisor for detailed information and application forms. All who can, are invited to participate.

Although it is sometimes difficult to find the time to hold down a full time job and go to school, the rewards, in terms of personal growth and enhanced job opportunities, make it well worthwhile.

FUND RAISING

HSS is launching a $16 million expansion program — the largest in its 102-year history.

Members of the HSS "family"—the Board of Managers, Medical Staff and employees are being asked to contribute. To date over $500,000 has been pledged by members of the Board. The first four gifts from the Medical Staff total $48,000. Employee pledges so far amount to over $26,000, with only 25 percent of the staff having been approached.

Vincent Conti, chief pharmacist, and Warren Ungberg, assistant director, are co-chairmen of the Personnel Gifts Committee.

Members are:

Vincent Conti, Co-Chairman
Warren Ungberg, Co-Chairman
Dennis Dublin
William Grannis
Kitty Risi
Tom Chargaff
Kim Barrett
Ada Dillion
Julia Gilbert
David Grandison
Addie Keith
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Edna Moore
Ruth Ruhm
Majorie Walker

Barbara Bosco
Rita Eccles
Walter Schulz
Gwendolyn De Buque
Hazel Evans
Van Bender
Edna Carson
Jean Kilfoyle
Jacki (Presti) Serafini
Barbara Markman
James Knight
Dola Polland
Judith Kurtz
Lotte Tedesko
G. P. Hom
Jerome Ilson
Emily Petrovich
Irene Poggi

STOP DREAMING

START PLANNING

If you are dreaming of a vacation in Europe —
then you must go on reading this invitation to action.

A vacation in Europe need no longer be a distant hope. You can make it a reality in the Summer of 1967 by flying to Europe on a chartered jet. Employees, physicians and volunteers of New York Hospital, Special Surgery and the Cornell Medical School are eligible to participate in this low cost jet flight to Europe. Immediate family members, (spouse, dependent children and parents) are also eligible, provided they live in the same household and provided that the employee (physician or volunteer) himself makes the trip.

The time will be for the *full month of July*. We are considering several charters and would like to have a consensus as to the one that is most popular. We have chosen TWA. They fly the Boeing 707. Since we can charter only one plane, we will need your assistance in helping us choose which one:

1 New York flying to London and Milan and returning from Paris.
fare to London $280.00
fare to Milan $300.00

2 New York flying to London and returning from Paris.
fare to London $275.00

3 New York flying to Milan and returning from Milan.
fare to Milan $285.00

So, stop dreaming and help us plan your trip of a lifetime by returning the coupon no later than October 21st. You are under no obligation by signifying your intention to take the trip.

After tabulating your reply, we will be in a position to present final proposals, including departure date, and exact prices.

Personally Speaking

MARRIAGES:

Pat Wagner was married to *Daniel Verin* on August 13th. *Orlando Alfonsa* married *Elizabeth McKindley* on August 15th. We wish both these couples the very best of luck.

ENGAGEMENTS:

Maureen Naso, dietitian, became engaged to *Winston Beachamp* on May 28th. Maureen is resigning to go to Mercy Hospital in Rockville Center, L. I.

BIRTHS:

Delores and *Clyde Bentham* became the proud parents of a 8 lb. boy, Paul, recently.

DEATHS:

Mrs. Bella Campbell died September 14th in St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach, Florida. Mrs. Campbell, who had been our Cafeteria Supervisor formerly, had been ill a short time.

ILLNESS:

Charles Hogan, of our Housekeeping Department, has recently been a patient at New York Hospital. We hope he is on his feet soon.

CHANGES & PROMOTIONS:

Miss Kitty Risi, formerly Supervisor of Accounts Receivable, replaced *Miss Virginia Rose* as OPD Co-ordinator. *Mr. Dennis Dublin,* formerly Pay Supervisor, is now an accountant in the General Accounting Section. *Mrs. Margaret Oliva,* has been made Pay Supervisor. *Miss Deborah Fuller* has been promoted from Assistant Personnel Director to Personnel Director.

ADDITIONS:

Ann Gonder joined the Medical Education Office as a secretary in August. *G. Mims, Leroy Craighead* and *Ted Seay* have joined the Housekeeping staff. *Miss Aline Hutzelman* was a member of our kitchen staff during the summer as relief dietitian.

OTHER NEWS:

Agnes Gordon, pantry aide, retired August 31, 1966. We wish her a speedy recovery from her recent accident and a happy retirement. *Miss Barbara Borrell,* Dietitian, spent a week of her vacation in Florida and had a wonderful time. *Miss Marion Grovich* is off on a six week jaunt through Europe.

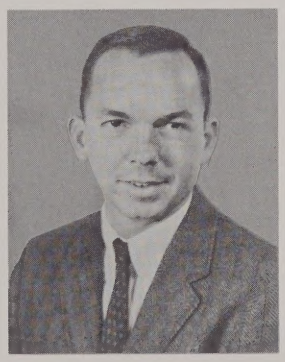
Professionally Speaking

Several Staff Members from The Hospital for Special Surgery participated in the recent meeting of the International Society of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology in Paris. Dr. Philip D. Wilson as past President of the Society served as Chairman of Symposia on Hip Disease and was Chairman of a Round Table on Laminar Coxitis and Associated Lesions in which Dr. Bernard Jacobs also participated. Dr. Robert Lee Patterson, Jr., presented papers on Treatment of Bone Defects and Fractures of the Upper End of the Humerus to Round Tables. Dr. Göran C. H. Bauer presented a paper on the Diagnostic Use of Radioactive Isotopes in Orthopaedics to a Round Table and participated in Round Table discussions on Prostheses in the Hip and Osteoarthritis of the Hip. Dr. Lee Ramsay Straub presented a paper to a Symposium on Paralysis of the Intrinsic Muscles of the Hand and a paper to a Round Table on The Rheumatoid Hand. Dr. William Cooper presented a paper to a Round Table on The Spastic Hand, and Dr. Frederick Liebolt was Chairman of a Round Table on Correction of Leg Length Discrepancies and participated in Round Tables concerning The Painful Shoulder and Treatment of Juvenile Kyphosis. Dr. Philip D. Wilson, Jr., participated in a Round Table discussion on Massive Bone Grafting. Dr. Wilson, Jr., also visited the Calot Institute in Berck, France, where he participated in discussions on Problems of Leg Length Equalization, Management of Patients with Tuberculosis of the Hip, Radioisotope Studies in Growing Children and Various Aspects of the Management of Scoliosis Problems.

Charles Nocera, from Newton High School, programmed and operated a computer in the Biometrics Department of HSS on a CBS feature TV Short shown during the 6 o'clock Report on August 11th. Dr. Melvin S. Schwartz, Asst. Professor of Biometrics in Public Health, helped Mr. Nocera program and analyze clinical data and to design experiments.

Dr. Paul D. Saville has been elected Associate Professor of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Cornell University Medical College.

Dr. Johannes Poigenfurst will begin his appointment as a Fellow in Orthopaedic Surgery here on October 1st. Dr. Poigenfurst is a graduate of the University of Vienna Medical Faculty and received his post-graduate training in Vienna, Zams, Tirol, Salzburg, and West Berlin. Dr. Poigenfurst will work in the Radioisotope Laboratory here and with Dr. Theodore Miller at Memorial Hospital. Dr. Poigenfurst's wife and two children will accompany him from Vienna for his year's appointment here.



NEW FELLOW JOINS STAFF

Dr. Robert B. Cameron was born in Defiance, Ohio, attended school there, following which he attended the University of Michigan and in 1962 received his M.D. from the University of Michigan Medical School. Both Dr. Cameron's father and uncle are in practice in Defiance. Dr. Cameron served his internship at Los Angeles County Hospital and has recently served as a Flight Surgeon with the U.S. Navy in Vietnam. Dr. Cameron is married and the father of two daughters. He will be a Fellow in Orthopaedic Surgery here until July, 1968, when he begins his Residency.

N.Y.H. Changes Chiefs

On July 1, Dr. E. Hugh Luckey, former Physician-in-Chief, became president of the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. He is well qualified for the important duties that he has assumed.

Born in 1920, Dr. Luckey was graduated from Union University in 1941 and received his medical degree in 1944 from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He came to New York Hospital in that same year for his internship and completed his residency in 1949.

From 1949 to 1954 he was Director of the Cornell Medical Division at Bellevue Hospital. In 1943 at the age of 34, Dr. Luckey became Dean of the Cornell University Medical College and head of Cornell's Graduate School of Medical Sciences. Three years later he was appointed Physician-in-Chief of the Hospital and Chairman of the College's Department of Medicine.

The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center is comprised of New York Hospital, the Cornell University Medical College and the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing. In the center approximately 1000 medical students, nurses, interns, graduate students and physicians receive instruction each year. More than 110,000 patients are cared for and research is conducted in the amount of approximately $10 million dollars. Affiliated with the center are the Hospital for Special Surgery and Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Rockefeller University is a sister institution. This concentration of medical talent has contributed and continues to contribute to man's enormous advances in medical knowledge.

Pink Pinafore Patter

Happy autumn! We didn't really have a two month vacation but the column did.

Class thirty-two has already been with us for more than a month and we've grown accustomed to their faces. Class thirty-one is going on affiliation the twelfth of September and the girls are bouncing around with their new caps. The old, washed out, wrinkly senior class (praise be to Dacron) is back wiser but not sadder, we hope. The senior class, 30, is going to be the plague of the night and evening staff until September so please be sympathetic to any staff foaming about the mouth because of THOSE STUDENTS!

Class thirty will also be having fund raising activities (like a corn-husking or barn raising) for our yearbook.

Be on the lookout!

IN MEMORIUM

HSS mourns the loss of two of its family.

Dr. Olav Austlid, Associate Director of the Department of Physical Medicine, died suddenly September 2, 1966.

Mr. George Broughton, night switchboard operator, passed away unexpectedly while on duty on August 28, 1966.

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don't forget your vacation ***pictures*** for the HSS photo contest.

All photographs should be accompanied by:

1. Person's Name 2. Department 3. Description of Subject

Submit all photographs to Mr. Baer in the Director's Office. Volunteers, Retirees and Professional Staff Members are invited to participate in addition to all Personnel. **Deadline Oct. 21.**